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## CITY REPUBLICAN TICKET

Election, Tuesday, April 2, 1912.

For Mayor:  
FRANK R. MOORE.

For Chief of Police:  
HARRY L. BROOKS.

For City Clerk:  
WILL H. COLE.

For Street Superintendent:  
EDWARD J. DOYLE.

For Member Water Works Board:  
WILLIAM H. LEWIS.

For Assessor:  
LYDA M. BIRD.

For Collector and Treasurer:  
JOHN M. KNOX.

For School Commissioner:  
ARTHUR K. THORN.

For Council:  
First ward—JOHN F. KEARNS.  
Second ward—BENJAMIN F. THOMPSON.

Third ward—J. TRUMAN SWAGER.  
Fourth ward—MARK HARKNESS.

Fifth ward—LUCIUS HOGE, Jr.

An Evening Echo.

The man who has no enemies has no following.—DONN PIATT.

Tomorrow's Election.

Today marks the end of the city campaign. There have been much bluff and bluster on the part of the Democratic city machine, a part of which is identified with notorious state practices which have not only enraged the people of the state but which will result in complete Republican triumph next fall. With all this bluff and bluster, however, the Democratic machine flunkies have not been able to divert the great majority of good government believers here from the ticket headed by Frank R. Moore for mayor. The gang's hand organ has been engaged itself in throwing out insinuations, but in no instance has it been able to establish a single intimation. It resorted to this merely for the purpose of deception. Having committed itself as shown on the front page of this issue to the well known fact that the city administration is ideal and that Frank R. Moore is the best mayor Clarksburg ever had, it found itself in an inextricable dilemma when its masters called upon it long and loud to do something to encompass the defeat of the Republican ticket, that being deemed necessary to prolong the gang's political life and tighten its clutches on the politics of the county, and all that sheet has been able to do under the circumstances was to resort to insinuations so weak and flimsy that they rebounded to the author with harmful effect to it only.

The greater part of the Republican ticket, in fact almost all of it, has been thoroughly tested and it has made good as admitted by the Democratic newspaper. Every department of the city government has made signal advancement. The fire department equipment is greatly extended and improved. The police department has been efficient and effective, faithful and alert to duty at

all times as stated by the Exponent. The street department has done an unusually large amount of street paving, sidewalk and stepping-stone laying, gutter laying, street cleaning and other work tending to make the city more modern. The reports show it. The work also speaks for the department. The water and sewerage department has made good as the Exponent has so frequently said and is conducting its affairs on modern business principles. One of the men who has had much to do with the success of that department was placed in office with the full Democratic vote, and for Democrats to vote against him now is for them to say that they do not want that department run in a business-like way. It is needless to say that Mayor Moore has made good. The Exponent itself says he is the best mayor Clarksburg ever had and every citizen assents to that. The office of city clerk has been administered with the very highest efficiency and no voter knows it better than the immediate members of the Democratic gang themselves as well as their mouthpiece. Nor has there been any fault found with the department of city collector and treasurer. That fact emphasizes another that there is no need of a change in the office of collector and treasurer. While the office of assessor under the state law is a minor one, it is forcibly true that the Republicans have made a good selection and there is no logical reason why the nominee should not be triumphantly elected.

Considerable stress is being placed by the gang's mouthpiece on a non-partisan school board, meaning, of course, a bi-partisan one. The Democratic nominee for membership on that board declares that the board is now non-partisan. If he were elected the board would be bi-partisan instead of non-partisan and being bi-partisan it would be political. It is better to keep the board non-partisan and the only way to do that is to re-elect Senator A. K. Thorn, who has done more the last three years for the schools of Clarksburg than any man who has served the last decade on that board. The Democratic nominee says Senator Thorn has made good. Then, why not keep him there? The voters of the school district will keep him there.

In another editorial in this issue the Telegram points out plainly and without the slightest exaggeration the superior fitness of the Republican nominees for city council, and there is every assurance that they will be elected by splendid majorities.

The Republican ticket has been placed before the people with the sole view of continuing and making better, whenever opportunity offers, the good government of Clarksburg, under which great commercial, industrial, educational, social and religious strides are being made, and there is no reason to believe that the voters will not elect it from top to bottom with pluralities sufficient to impress the fact that Clarksburg wants good government continued.

### Councilmanic Nominees.

P. J. Madden, Democratic nominee in the First ward for council, is a very nice fellow, some people say. John F. Kearns, the Republican nominee, is not only a successful business man and a heavy taxpayer in his ward but he is also a man who has had long experience in the city council, his high standing in his ward having been recognized time and again by the voters of that ward by election to council where he represented them with ability and success. Which of the two men should then appear to the voters in that ward as the proper one to elect to the council?

A. S. Robey, Democratic nominee in the Second ward for council, scarcely became a resident of Clarksburg before he sought to break into city office. He did faithful work out at Wallace for the Democratic gang a few years ago and now that gang seeks to reward him. It wants the voters of the Second ward to pay off its political debts. Benjamin F. Thompson, Republican nominee for council in that ward, is a man of recognized ability and as a councilman his record is good. He has done much for his ward. Robey has done nothing. Will it not be better for the city to re-elect Mr. Thompson? No one doubts that that ward will do that very thing by an overwhelming majority and thus exercise sound judgment.

Dr. John P. McGuire doubtless

knows a case of scarlet fever when he sees it, although some of the Democratic doctors in town say he does not, but so far as public affairs are concerned even those Democratic doctors do not know that he could make good. On the other hand everyone including the Democratic doctors knows that J. Truman Swager has made good in business and in city affairs. They all recall when he served so efficiently in the city council and as such was one of the men who laid the foundation for the modern progressiveness of Clarksburg. Under these conditions what safe and sane man would turn Truman Swager, a tested man, down for an untried one?

Lloyd W. Garrett served one term in the city council. He seeks to serve another or rather the Democratic gangsters in looking around for a candidate spied him as a prohibitionist and believing that prohibition was the thing out in the Fourth ward, notwithstanding the fact that the gang courts liquor in most of the other wards, it had him nominated. There is nothing in the ward to cause anyone to point with pride to his record in the city council. Mark Harkness is the Republican nominee. He is progressive and he will get things for his ward as a councilman. He will make a record to which the voters out there can point with pride.

The "square deal" racket is a thread-bare method of men as a subterfuge for their recognized weakness. (Without qualifications that appeal or without views and beliefs that win votes they resort to that racket as the one to cover up their short-comings. Lucius Hoge, Jr., a popular and successful business man in the Fifth ward who will be elected tomorrow to represent that ward in the city council does not have to resort to the "square deal" racket. He stands for the highest good of the ward first and the city in general second and the implicit confidence that ward has in him, his high ability, his unexcelled patriotism, his modern progressiveness and his never wavering devotion to greater Clarksburg place him far beyond the "square deal" plea.

The facts impress the knowledge that the Republican nominees for city council were wisely chosen and the wisdom of electing them is so apparent that there is no necessity to put stress thereon.

### Non-Partisan or Bi-Partisan, Which?

Senator A. K. Thorn has experience in addition to all his other qualifications. His opponent for school board membership has no experience and his other qualifications do not go beyond those of Senator Thorn. Senator Thorn assuredly does appeal to the voters of Clarksburg as a man to keep on the school board. He has been tried and not found wanting, a fact his opponent openly concedes.

Great stress is being placed on the assertion that to elect a Democrat to membership would make the board non-partisan. It might make it somewhat bi-partisan, but it would be hard to make it more non-partisan than it is now. Besides, what would one Democrat be able to do on the board if the people were to make it a political board as is now sought by the Democratic city machine? Harvey F. Smith under such circumstances would be as helpless as a babe on the board. If the other two members decided to buy a school site here on there, how could Mr. Smith prevent it?

It is readily seen how much better it is to keep the board as it is now, strictly non-partisan, than to make it bi-partisan, in which event politics as indicated by the "explanent" in reference to its imaginary story of the purchase of a school house site would be injected into the board's affairs to the extent of destroying its non-partisanship.

The fake factory is busy again. The latest fake is that appeal to the "Independent Republicans of Clarksburg." A big lot of space was wasted in an endeavor to make fools out of Roosevelt Republicans. There is no Republican, whether for Taft or Roosevelt, who has such little sense as to believe that the election of Clarence W. Leggett as mayor would help Taft, for whom it is alleged Mr. Leggett voted, or that the election of Fleming Holden as city clerk would result in the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt. The Telegram would like to hear what Colonel Roosevelt would say if such rot were to reach his ears. The effort of

making big men out of two little men is causing everyone to smile. It is one of the big jokes of the campaign.

In that Leggett write-up studious care was taken not to state that the head of the Democratic organization sent word to Fifth ward Democratic voters to scratch Leggett. Studied effort was also made to make no reference to the fact that Mr. Leggett declared time and again that it was the Democratic machine that defeated him. Nor is any reference made to Mr. Leggett's allegiance to the Republican party after that. The "historian" might have told the public how Mr. Leggett stands against William Jennings Bryan.

Democratic gangsters have been offering money to Republicans to work for the Democratic ticket, an evidence that they have a corruption fund and a further evidence that they are not going to leave a single stone unturned to get as many illegal votes as they can. They will resort to their usual trick of crying fraud and corruption on the part of Republicans but they will use that cry for the sole purpose of trying to hide their own methods of corrupting the ballot box. Let no man be fooled by their pretensions for an honest, clean election.

A. S. Robey, Democratic nominee in the Second ward for council, is purported to say that he favors a registration law for the city. Only a few years ago Mr. Robey received plenty of notoriety at Wallace as being a registration officer there who took such deep interest in his duties that the greater part of the registration period he was miles away at work at something else. The plan was so heartily endorsed by the Democratic machine that doubtless Mr. Robey still desires to remain in the good graces of that machine.

Perhaps, Mr. Robey, Second ward nominee on the Democratic ticket, showed the other Democratic nominees for city council how beautifully he worked the registration system in a Republican section of the county to the advantage of the Democratic party, and then they concluded it would be a good thing for Clarksburg too, as it might result in preventing many a legal Republican voter from voting. They show evidence of promising to do anything that will help the Democratic machine.

The voters of Clarksburg will decide tomorrow at the election that it is better to keep the records of the county clerk and the city clerk separate and that means that they are not going to be roped into the movement to consolidate those records. Is it any wonder that so many voters look upon the candidacy of Fleming Holden, a deputy in the county clerk's office, for city clerk with so much suspicion?

The editor of the "explanent" announces the "final word" in the city campaign. He is evidently preparing to leave his temporary abode for Richmond, Va., to attend a meeting of the Democratic state committee of his state to prepare for the campaign of his party in his state as previously announced by the Telegram and not denied.

If Clarksburg were to get the registration law that Robey et al promises, the registration officers could follow the Robey example by going miles away during the registration period and working it so only the Democratic gang's flunkies would be registered. Great scheme! Wonder whose gray matter conceived it!

The Telegram was satisfied the Democratic machine ticket could not get through this campaign without manufacturing a "platform piece." The machine always has that done. This time, however, the pledgers are in the wrong pew. That registration pledge of theirs indicates that they size up the duties of city councilmen as being those of state legislators.

The editor of the "explanent" is trying to get off something about some one not being able to add a column of figures. That critic evidently does not yet know the alphabet as shown by the fact that he does not know that "L" comes before "W" in the name of Lloyd W. Garrett. The "explanent" has it W. L. Garrett.

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The "explanent" is trying to make Fleming Holden the favorite of the Democratic candidates. It gives him first place in the chromo edition. The other fellows are made to take a back seat. The voters will give Fleming a back seat, too. It will not be in the new city quarters.

Desperately fighting for their life, the Democratic candidates now have a free-for-all among themselves. They are cutting one another's throats and the gangsters are slaying every man on the ticket for Fleming Holden, but election day will put him in the "has been" class too.

Leading Roosevelt Republicans here openly declare that they are for the Republican ticket at tomorrow's election in the city, and they fall to figure out why the Democratic machine should undertake to attach national prominence to the election. Maybe it is because Colonel Leggett preferred Taft to Bryan.

Every friend of good government is urged to go to the polls early, vote the Moore ticket straight and stay there all day and work for a big triumph for that ticket. The enemies of good government are busy and they will be there in force, so they say. Be on the alert against them and do not be intimidated by them.

The Republican city government had operated a registration system here until Judge Raymond Maxwell of the criminal court bench declared that registration was not required.

Democrats are going to scratch their ticket tomorrow to a considerable extent. Such should mark a cross in the space block in front of the Republicans for whom they wish to vote. That is all that is necessary.

The chromo page as is the custom did finally appear in the "explanent." The "explanent" itself seems to have been ashamed to resort to it and it put off the repulsive task until the very last.

There is something wrong in Denmark when the county clerk's office is not content with keeping the county records but seeks to have charge of the city records also. Voters should be careful.

Harmony is the slogan now among Harrison county Republicans. All factions are promoting it and all factions want it. Start off at tomorrow's election with a big Republican victory.

There was recent reference to local Democrats as "fractional" ones. If the Democratic-gang's city ticket

was meant, it is safe to say they will be well fractured election day.

Even the "explanent" has gone back on Lloyd W. Garrett for council in the Fourth ward and now it is running W. L. Garrett. Who is this man W. L. Garrett?

The "explanent" might have told where Robert A. Loar came from and why. Everyone would have read that as it would have been somewhat sensational.

The two: The Republican party of promise and performance and the Democratic party of promise and no performance.

The main reason the Democratic gang wants a registration law here is to keep legal voters from voting.

Just simply mark a cross in the circle under the eagle in the last column of the ballot sheet.

Votes count, and not bluffs. Let no member of the Democratic machine bluff you.

All "broke" up? What? The Democratic gang's city ticket. Badly "fractured!"

Are those chromo men "fractional" Democrats?

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